

My name is Aracely Mazariegos. I am a single mother with two children, and I live in Hartford. I'm a member of *Hartford Deportation Defense*. I'm in favor of **HB6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status**.

This law would give my 19-year-old son Selvin access to health insurance, but it would leave me without access because I am over 25. I have not gone for a medical checkup because I do not have health insurance due to my immigration status. My 19 year old son has also not been to a medical checkup because he does not have health insurance due to his immigration status. We are afraid of expensive bills so we don't go to the doctor. When we are sick we try to hold out at home and buy medicine from the pharmacy instead of going to the doctor. If we go to the doctor and get an expensive bill we can't afford it.

If HUSKY access was approved until age 26 it would change my life because my oldest son Selvin would be able to go to the doctor and would have access to health insurance.

I support HB6616 and hope the committee will vote in favor of continuing to expand HUSKY health insurance for our immigrant communities. Expanding to age 26 is a great step but we must continue to move forward until all ages have access.

Thanks for your time.  
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